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Dear Supporter of H. Res. 204:

Today is the first anniversary of the introduction of H. Res. 204 which, if approved by the U. S. House of Representatives, would establish in the House a select committee of seven members for the purpose of studying the circumstances surrounding the deaths of President John F. Kennedy, U. S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King, and the attempted assassination of Governor George Wallace.

I thought this would be an appropriate time to let you know the status of the resolution. It is still pending in the House Rules Committee to which it was referred upon introduction. However, I have recently talked with the Chairman of House Rules, the Honorable Ray Madden, Democrat of Indiana, and I am hopeful that he will find it possible some time soon to consider the resolution and approve it for action on the House floor. There is still some resistance to consideration of the resolution and establishment of the select committee, so it is important that you continue to urge support of this proposal among Members of the House.

Presently there are 63 Members of the House who are co-sponsors of my proposal. Their names appear on six reintroductions of my measure -- House resolutions 455, 456, 593, 721, 873, and 1035.

They are: ARIZONA -- Morris "Mo" Udall; CALIFORNIA -- George Brown, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, John L. Burton, Ronald V. Dellums, Mark W. Hannaford, Augustus F. Hawkins, William M. Ketchum, Robert Leggett, Pete McCloskey, Norman Y. Mineta, Edward R. Roybal, F. H. "Pete" Stark, Henry A. Waxman, Charles Wilson; CONNECTICUT -- Christopher Dodd, Stewart McKinney, Anthony Toby Moffett; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA -- Walter Fauntroy; FLORIDA -- Claude Pepper, Paul G. Rogers; GEORGIA -- Andrew Young; GUAM -- Antonio Borja Won Pat; HAWAII -- Patsy Mink; ILLINOIS -- Cardiss Collins; INDIANA -- David W. Evans and Andrew Jacobs, Jr.; MARYLAND -- Parren Mitchell; MASSACHUSETTS -- Joe Moakley, Paul Tsongas; MICHIGAN -- Robert Carr, John Conyers, Don Riegle; MINNESOTA -- James Oberstar; MISSOURI -- William Clay; MONTANA -- Max S. Baucus, John Melcher; NEW JERSEY -- James J. Florio, Henry Helstoski and Andrew Maguire; NEW YORK -- Bella Abzug, Herman Badillo, Mario Biaggi, Shirley Chisholm, Thomas J. Downey, Elizabeth Holtzman, Edward I. Koch, John M. Murphy, Richard Ottinger, Charles Rangel, Benjamin S. Rosenthal, James H. Scheuer, Stephen J. Solarz; NORTH CAROLINA -- Stephen L. Neal; OHIO -- Louis Stokes; PENNSYLVANIA -- Robert W. Edgar, Robert N. C. Nix, Gus Yatron; SOUTH DAKOTA -- Larry Pressler; TENNESSEE -- Harold Ford; TEXAS -- Robert Eckhardt; WISCONSIN -- Les Aspin, Henry Reuss.

If your Congressman is still not among the co-sponsors, I would appreciate your further efforts to garner his or her support. If you have friends who might be able to gain the support of other House Members, who are not co-sponsors, I would appreciate your contacting them.

Now is the time -- during the year of our country's 200th birthday, to ascertain why we had a decade of political assassinations in our country, and to try to prevent such a series of events from happening again.

Thank you once again for all your help and support. With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

Henry B. Gonzalez

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P.S. There is now a 64th co-sponsor of my resolution, Kika de la Garza of Texas.